1951 and the failure of dry crops over large areas in the State coupled with total failure of crops in parts of the State would rule out of consideration the question of complete decontrol now. It is estimated that the State's deficit this year in foodgrains is in the neighbourhood of three lakhs of tons.

Year.	Quantity imported in tons.
1944	49,985
1945	69,617
1946	2,43,662
1947	76,841
1948	20,987
1949	1,26,940
1950	89,090
1951 (about)	90,000

In the case of other commodities, Government have been adopting a policy of decontrol consistent with adequate supplies at reasonable prices. They have removed the ban on the export of bengalgram, butter and ghee, groundnut oil seeds, horsegram, ballar, tamarind, chillies, potatoes and onion. The Government of India have fixed ceiling prices in respect of gram and jaggery. The Central Government have been controlling the prices and distribution of sugar throughout India. Production and distribution of cotton textiles and yarn are controlled by the Government of India on an All-India basis. These controls have been necessitated as the supply falls far short of the demand. Controls can be raised gradually as and when supply equals demand and the policy of the Government is one of gradual decontrol.

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Press Note.

Apprehensions are being expressed in some quarters that because there is an interval of some days between the close of the poll and the date of counting, there may be chances of the ballot boxes being tampered with during custody. The rules and the procedure totally exclude any such possibility. The sealed boxes are kept in the Treasuries or at some other safe place of deposit with an armed police guard and the mechanism of these special boxes with the automatic locking system prevents their being tampered with without damaging the paper seal and proclaiming the fact of the damage. The Returning Officers are made responsible for the safe custody of the boxes and have to show the candidates, their election agents and the counting agents that the seals are in order before the counting is taken up. There is thus no possibility of the boxes being tampered with, without the fact being brought to notice.

(P.N. No. 276-17-1-1952).

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FOREST DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

Notification dated 5th January 1952.

Auction Sale of Minor Forest Produce.

No. S. 81-872—51-52. It is hereby notified for the general information that the exclusive right of collecting the Minor Forest Produce on all Government unoccupied lands, Amrit Mahal Kavals, State Forests, Reserved lands and Plantations for twenty-four months from the 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1954, will be sold talukwar by public auction on the dates and at the places specified below by the officers indicated against them:—

Sl. No.	Name of Taluk	Place of sale	Date of sale	Officer conducting the sale
	Mysore Division.			
1	Mysore ...			
2	Chamarajanagar ...			
3	Hunsur ...			
4	Krishnarajanagar ...			
5	Heggaddevankote ...			
6	Gundlupet ...			
7	Nanjangud ...			
8	T.-Narasipur ...			
9	Periyapatna ...	District Forest Office, Mysore.	Monday, 18th February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Mysore.
10	Mandya ...			
11	Srirangapatna ...			
12	Malavalli ...			
13	Krishnarajapet ...			
14	Nagamangala ...			
15	Maddur ...			
16	French-Rocks (Pandavapura) ...			
	Bangalore District.			
1	Bangalore North ...			
2	Bangalore South ...			
3	Hoskote ...			
4	Devanahalli ...			
5	Dodballapur ...	District Forest Office, Bangalore.	Friday, 8th February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Bangalore.
6	Kankanhalli ...			
7	Anekal ...			
8	Magadi ...			
9	Channapatna ...			
10	Closepet (Ramanagaram) ...			
11	Nelamangala ...			
	Kolar District.			
1	Chintamani ...			
2	Goribidnur ...			
3	Chikballapur ...			
4	Bowringpet ...			
5	Malur ...	District Forest Office, Kolar.	Monday, 4th February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Kolar.
6	Kolar ...			
7	Srinivasapur ...			
8	Mulbagal ...			
9	Bagepalli ...			
10	Sidlaghatta ...			
11	Gudibanda ...			
	Tumkur District.			
1	Tumkur ...			
2	Madhugiri ...			
3	Pavagada ...			
4	Sira ...	District Forest Office, Tumkur.	Thursday, 14th February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Tumkur.
5	Chiknayakanahalli ...			
6	Tiptur ...			
7	Gubbi ...			
8	Kunigal ...			
9	Koratagere ...			
10	Turuvekere ...			
	Chitaldrug District.			
1	Molakalmuru ...			
2	Hiriyur ...			
3	Hosadurga ...			
4	Chitaldrug ...	District Forest Office, Chitaldrug.	Monday, 11th February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Chitaldrug.
5	Challakere ...			
6	Jagalur ...			
7	Holalkere ...			
8	Davangere ...			
9	Harihar ...			
	Shimoga Division.			
1	Shimoga ...	District Forest Office, Shimoga.	Tuesday, 26th February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Shimoga.
2	Honnali ...			
3	Thirthahalli ...			
4	Kumsi Sub-Taluk ...			
	Bhadravati Division.			
1	Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk.	District Forest Office, Bhadravati.	Thursday, 28th February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Bhadravati.
2	Tarikere ...			
3	Channagiri ...			
	Chikmagalur Division.			
1	Chikmagalur ...	District Forest Office, Chikmagalur.	Monday, 3rd March 1952.	District Forest Officer, Chikmagalur.
2	Kadur ...			
3	Koppa ...			
4	Mudigere ...			
	Sagar Division.			
1	Sagar ...	District Forest Office, Sagar.	Thursday, 21st February 1952.	District Forest Officer, Sagar.
2	Sorab ...			
3	Shikarpur ...			
4	Nagar ...			
	Hassan District.			
1	Hassan ...			
2	Chennarayapatna ...			
3	Hole-Narsipur ...	District Forest Office, Hassan.	Wednesday, 5th March 1952.	District Forest Officer, Hassan.
4	Manjarabad ...			
5	Belur ...			
6	Alur Sub-Taluk ...			
7	Arkalgud Sub-Taluk ...			
8	Arsikere ...			

N.B.—(1) If the bidders so desire, sales will be conducted hobliwar also at the discretion of the sale conducting officer.

(2) Alale crop in Belur, Arkalgud and Arsikere Taluks will be sold as an independent item.

(3) The right of removal of Minor Forest Produce from Survey No. 2 of Padmane Village, Chikmagalur Taluk, will be sold separately as an independent item.

(4) The right of collection of 'Pith' in Shimoga and Kumsi Sub-Taluks will be sold separately as an independent item.

(5) The right of collection and removal of Lichens 'ಕಲ್ಲು ಹೂವು' will be sold as an independent item in Kolar District.

Remarks.—(1) Forty tamarind trees for the use of Kolipalya and other adjacent villages and one tamarind tree for Doddegowdanapalya villagers numbered by the Department a fortnight before the sale are reserved in Chamarajanagar State Forest.

(2) Excludes the produce of Inam, Jodi, Kayamgutta, Sarvamanya, Kandayam, Kunigal Stud Farm lands and other lands which are in the occupancy of private individuals as well as village "Amarayi" which is sold separately by the Amildar in the Revenue Department.